

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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Youth Service Bureau Coordinator



YSB Advisory Minutes
April 12, 2016
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Maggie Ferron, Early Childhood Services Coordinator
Eileen Griffin, LCSW
Larry Barlow- MMS Vice Principal
Annastasia Martineau, Senior at EO Smith High School and Mansfield Resident
Danielle Pace, UConn senior, intern with Patricia Michalak

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:03 PM by Ethel Mantzaris.

II. Approval of minutes

- Approval of minutes February 9th, 2016

III. Reports

- Director's Report – Patricia Schneider
 - The budget for this year was well received
 - There are less hour for early childhood although some have been picked up
 - The new clinical social worker for Youth Services has been hired
- Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak
 - Teen Center:** Working with the teen center to facilitate the weekly Girl's Group of 12 middle schoolers, with a longer event later this April. Looking into continuing the group as a summer program

Oral History: Continuing to do oral history interviews twice a week, and preparing to train middle school students.

Boy's Group: In the process of planning a boy's group; currently trying to find a mentor to guide and facilitate activities.

PAWS Conference: Attended on March 23rd with thirteen girls from Mansfield Middle School. The girls participated in activities addressing alcohol and drug prevention, as well as how to advocate and educate others about the topics.

JOY: Collaborated with the Jorgensen Outreach for Youth to give our families an opportunity to attend three shows this month.

Senior Project for High School Students: Ballet event with the high school seniors had a great turnout and was a huge success.

Eggzstravanganza: Annual egg hunt as a fundraiser/community event for people to socialize, feel connected, and just have fun. Collected e-mail addresses for 200 people; will reach out to inquire about their needs.

Raising Readers: An 8 week parent-education class teaching and discussing best practices for encouraging children's literacy.

IV. Old Business

- Collaboration with Town Community Services (library, rec, senior center)

V. New Business:

- Danielle Annibalini starting May 2nd
- Collecting names for Summer Camp Fund
- Raising Readers: 8 families so far, for parents of kids 7 months- 7 years old

VI. Other:

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm, May 10th, 2016 is the next meeting.